

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan General Hospital****Project Title:**

# Ketchikan General Hospital - Replacement Of Outdated Equipment

**State Funding Requested: \$ 70,000****House District: 1 - A**

One-Time Need

**Brief Project Description:**

Replacement of outdated equipment at Ketchikan General Hospital.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$70,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Ketchikan General Hospital requests funding for replacement of ultrasound equipment for OB/GYN Clinic in Ketchikan and portable ultrasound machine to be used in serving outlying communities.

In January 2007, the only Obstetrics/Gynecology (OB/GYN) physician in Ketchikan closed her practice and relocated out of Alaska. In order to ensure OB/GYN care for Ketchikan and its service area population, including Prince of Wales, Metlakatla and other southern Southeast Alaska communities, Ketchikan General Hospital (KGH) took on the responsibility of providing these services, including employing two physicians and a midwife, employing support staff, renovating an area inside the hospital for clinic functions and purchasing needed equipment, furnishings and supplies to support this service. As part of the practice acquisition, a mobile ultrasound machine, now over twelve years old, was purchased and is currently being used to support the clinic practice.

Ultrasound is a standard tool in diagnosis and delivery of OB/GYN care, and early detection of problems or high-risk pregnancies. In addition, ultrasound equipment is also used extensively in diagnosing other gynecological and female associated problems and diseases including cancer and fibroid tumors.

The existing clinic machine is used at a minimum 4 to 5 times a day. Ultrasounds are performed on OB patients approximately 15-20 times a week and on GYN patients 2-5 times a week. Today, the OB/GYN Clinic continues to provide the only obstetrical and gynecological specialty care in southern Southeast Alaska. The OB/GYN Clinic is the only facility in the KGH service area that provides this service for residents of Ketchikan, Prince of Wales, Wrangell, Petersburg and Metlakatla. A portable traveling ultrasound machine is needed to improve the ability to deliver quality, cost effective and accessible care to outlying communities. Receiving this level of onsite diagnosis will greatly benefit patients and families by reducing additional follow-up visits, eliminating the need for extra travel cost and disruption in work and family life, and

reducing anxiety while waiting for diagnosis.

Each year many needed new and replacement equipment needs are deferred. The purchase of these ultrasound units will alleviate some of that pressure and enhance the delivery of quality healthcare to the communities of Southeast Alaska.

**Project Timeline:**

FY09: One time purchase

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Ketchikan General Hospital & PeachHealth

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No